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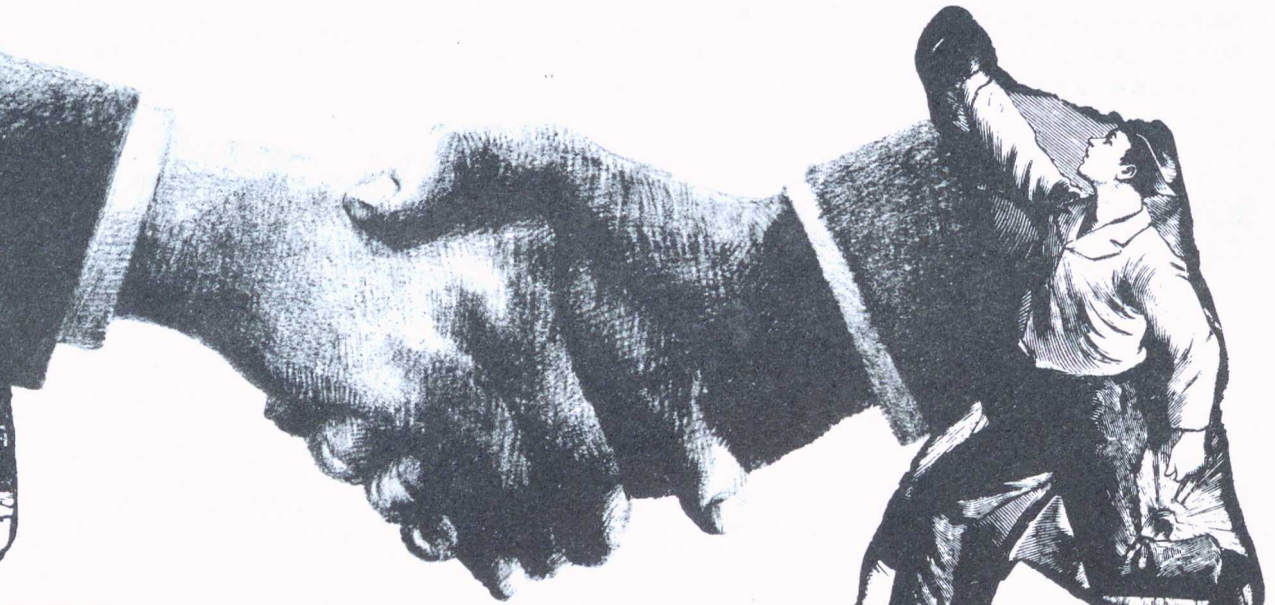
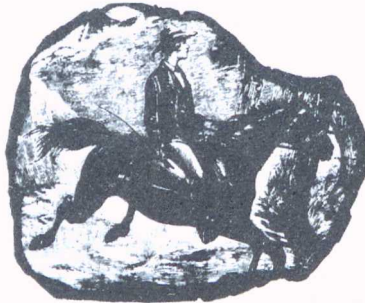
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Season's Greetings  
and Best Wishes for a  
Happy New Year





# HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. MAY 14, 15 & 16

To further the philosophy of Horatio Alger Jr. and to encourage the spirit of Strive and Succeed that for half a century guided Alger's undaunted heroes - lads whose struggles epitomized the Great American Dream and flamed hero ideals in countless millions of young Americans.

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Please use membership roster for mailing address of our officers.

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## NOTES FROM MEMBERS

R.H. Hunt, PF-295 had his Alger collection on display in the Corvallis City Library during September.

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Carl O. Thieme, PF-274 has reached the elusive 100 mark. Congratulations Carl. He also says "I have really enjoyed my first year as a member, and have learned a lot more about Alger." Carl also collects other juvenile books, and would appreciate hearing from other members that do the same.

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Norman Peterson, PF-184 has also reached the 100 mark with 6 of the Stratmeyers included.

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Sioux Falls, S.D. May 14, 15 & 16, 1971 - Mark this on your calendar today - HORATIO ALGER CONVENTION TIME.

With headquarters at the RUSH-MORE MOTEL, 2500 E. 10th St., Sioux Falls, S.D. the convention will get off to a fast start with registration Friday afternoon and evening. Our convention host and President of the HAS, Judson Berry, is working hard on plans to make this the best convention yet.

Watch this column for future announcements.

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## Rushmore Motel Rates:

1 - bed 1 person	\$ 7.35
1 - bed 2 people	9.45
2 - beds 2 people	12.60
2 - beds 4 people	14.70

rollaways \$1.00 each.

The motel has air conditioning, TV, indoor heated pool.

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One of the many attractions in Sioux Falls, is the Pettigrew Museum of Natural Arts and History.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers became curators in 1957 and extend a cordial welcome to all our members. Mrs. Rogers will be giving us more information on the museum in future issues of Newsboy.

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Dan Fuller had one of those days collectors dream about. He bought a collection of Alger at an auction which included 283 books--among them Mark Stanton, Making his Mark, a first of \$500 Check, a Loring Ragged Dick and on and on. He now has many duplicates and would like to trade or sell to other HAS members. Drop Dan a line if you would like some good buys.



Welcome to New Members:

PF-306 Melvin R. Baum  
288 Black Horse Pike  
R.D.#3  
Sewell, N.J. 08080  
T-17 (Florence)

Mr. Baum is interested in antiques, bottle collecting, toy steam engines, antique lamp collecting and history of South Jersey towns.

PF-307 Fred Klein  
352 Sutton Rd.  
Barrington, Ill. 60010  
T-48 (Jean)

PF-308 Stephen C. Holder  
318 W. May St.  
Mt. Pleasant, Mi. 48858

Mr. Holder is interested in 19th C popular culture (what the real people were up to). His other hobbies are Americana, camping, tennis and like most of us, prowling in 2nd hand stores.

PF-309 Horace D. Williams  
R.D.#4  
Titusville, Pa. 16354  
T-100 (Josephine)

With 100 titles Horace must rate as one of our top collectors. Horace learned of H.A.S. from THE BOYS BOOK COLLECTOR.

PF-273, William Chase was in an auto accident and has been bedridden for a month. He's well on his way to recovery now.

SOCIETY ROSTER

The Annual Horatio Alger Society Roster will be published during Jan. 1971 and will contain all paid up members as of Dec. 30th. 1970. If you have any changes or corrections

please notify Secretary Carl Hartmann. Each listing should have the following information. Name, address, number of Alger titles, name of spouse, PF number and month dues are due.

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THE BOOK MART

Tom Temple's Career	Burt	3.50
Luke Walton	Winston	4.00
Joe's Luck	Burt	3.00
Joe's Luck	Burt G	4.00
Ben's Nugget	Coates F	2.50
Mark Mason's Victory	Burt	4.75
Mark Mason's Victory	Burt	4.00
Phil The Fiddler		F 11.00
Tom Temple's Career	Burt	4.85

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Offered by Dan Fuller.....

Better editions of scarcer titles:

Ben, the Luggage Boy	Coates	VG	10.00
Fame and Fortune	Winston	G	6.50
Frank and Fearless	Winston	G	5.00
Frank and Fearless	Whitman	F	2.50
Frank Fowler, the Cash Boy	Burt	G	10.00
Frank Fowler, the Cash Boy	Burt	VG	5.50
Jacob Marlowe's Secret	Superior	F	2.50
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Lost at Sea	G & D	F	5.00
Paul Prescott's Charge	Winston	G	5.00
Phil the Fiddler	T & T	G	6.00
Rough and Ready	H.T.Coates	G	8.00
Rufus and Rose	P & C	VG	10.00
Rufus and Rose	P & C	G	8.00
Rupert's Ambition	Winston	G	9.00
Tattered Tom	P & C	G	10.00
Tom Temple's Career	Burt	G	6.50
Tom the Bootblack	Burt	G	9.00
Tom Thatcher's Fortune	Burt	VG	10.50
Tony the Hero	Burt	VG	7.00
Tony the Hero	Burt	VG	7.00

Lesser editions, commoner titles:

Andy Gordon	Hurst	FG	1.50
Andy Grant's Pluck	Don	F	1.25
Ben's Nugget	Alger S.	VG	2.50
A Boy's Fortune	Winston	G	2.50
Frank Hunter's Peril	Alger S.	G	1.50



From Gleason's Literary Companion

THE TIN SAVINGS BANK

A TALE FOR HARD TIMES

BY HORATIO ALGER, JR.

Charles Lynford was a young mechanic in good business. At the age of twenty-six he had taken to himself as a wife Caroline Eustis, the daughter of a neighbor, who had nothing to bring him except her own personal merits, which were many, and habits of thrift learned in an economical household under the stern teaching of necessity.

It was well, perhaps, that Charles Lynford should obtain a wife of this character, since he himself found it very difficult to save anything from his income.

It was not long before Caroline became acquainted with her husband's failing.-- She could not feel quite easy in the knowledge that they were living fully up to their income, foreseeing that a time would come when their family would grow more expensive, and perhaps her husband's business, now flourishing, might become less so.

Accordingly one day she purchased of a tin-pedler who came to the door, a little tin safe, such as children frequently use as a savings bank. This she placed conspicuously on the mantlepiece, so that her husband might be sure to see it on entering, she should be able to make a daily deposit equal to that which she exacted of her husband. Of this however, she thought it best on the whole, not to inform Charles, enjoying in anticipation the prospect of being able at some time, to surprise him with the unexpected amount of her savings.

At the close of every month

the contents were transferred to a savings bank of more pretensions where interest would be allowed. When the sums deposited here became large enough, Mrs. Lynford, who had considerable business capacity, withdrew them and invested in bank and other stocks, which would yield a larger percent. Of her mode of management her husband remained in complete ignorance. Nor did he ever express any desire to be made acquainted with his wife's management. He was an easy, careless fellow, spending as he went, enjoying the present and not feeling any particular concern about the future.

At the end of eight years, during which he had been unusually favored by prosperity in business and uninterrupted health, his books showed that he had not exceeded his income, but on the other hand he had saved absolutely nothing.--Twenty-five cents alone stood to his credit.

"Running pretty close, isn't it, Carrie?" he said laughingly. "I take credit to myself for keeping on the right side of the line. But then I suppose you have saved up an immense sum."

"How much do you think?" asked his wife.

"O, perhaps a hundred dollars," said Charles Lynford, carelessly, "though it would take a good many dimes to do that."

His wife smiled, but did not volunteer to enlighten him as to the correctness of his conjecture.

So things went on till at length came the panic of 1857 -- a panic so recent that it will be remembered how universally trade and business of every kind were depressed at this period -- among others the trade which occupied Charles Lynford suffered.



One evening he came home looking quite serious - an expression which seldom came over his cheerful face.

Caroline, who had watched the signs of the times, was not unprepared to see this. She had suspected that her husband's business would be affected.

"What is the matter, Charles?" she asked cheerfully.

"The matter is that we shall have to economize greatly.

"Anything unfavorable turned up in business matters?"

"I think there has. I shall have but half a day's work for some time to come, and I am afraid that even this will fail before long. You haven't an idea, Carrie, how dull business of every kind has become."

"Fortunately, there is no need of it," said Mrs. Lynford. "You seem to forget our little savings bank."

"But is it possible it can amount to two hundred and fifty dollars?" exclaimed Charles in surprise.

"Yes, and six hundred more," said his wife.

"Impossible!"

"Wait a minute, and I will prove it."

Caroline withdrew a moment, and then reappeared with several certificates of bank and railroad shares, amounting to eight hundred dollars, and a bank-book in which the balance was deposited to her credit.

"Are you quite sure you hav'nt had a legacy?" demanded Charles in amazement. "Surely a dime a day has not produced this."

"No, but two dimes a day have, with a little extra deposit now and then. I think Charles, we

shall be able to ward off starvation for a time."

"All this I owe to your prudence," said Charles, gratefully. "How can I repay you?"

Charles Lynford remained out of employment for some months, but in the spring, as he anticipated, business revived, and he was once more in receipt of his old income. More than two-thirds of the fund was still left, and henceforth Charles was no less assiduous than his wife in striving to increase it.

The little tin savings bank still stands on the mantle-piece, and never fails to receive a deposit daily.

FROM THE COLLECTION OF PF-008  
MAX GOLDBERG

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Book Mart (cont.)

Frank's Campaign	Alger S. G	1.50
Herbert Carter's Legacy	Don G	1.50
Joe's Luck	Burt FG	2.50
Joe's Luck	Burt VG	3.50
Luke Walton	Alger S. G	2.00
Making His Way	NYB G	1.25
Ralph Raymond's Heir	Don G	1.50
Risen From the Ranks	Hurst G	2.00
Sam's Chance	Don G	1.50
Sam's Chance	Hurst F	1.50
Shifting for Himself	Burt F	2.00
Try and Trust	Hurst F	2.00
Strive and Succeed	Hurst FG	1.50
Struggling Upward	NYB F	1.25
Slow and Sure	Don FG	1.25
Slow and Sure	Don G	1.50
The Young Adventurer	Hurst G	2.00
The Young Miner	Don G	1.50

The above group in one lot for \$35.00

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NEW YORK CITY DURING THE TIME OF  
HORATIO ALGER JR.

HORACE GREELEY

By Jack Bales

Horace Greeley was editor of the New York Tribune in the middle 1800's, and during that time he was the most distinguished editor in American History. He alone made the Tribune, and all over the country men and women read and followed the bold words that Greeley wrote in his outspoken editorials. This is a synopsis of his life.

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Horace Greeley was born on February 3, 1811, the third son of Zaccheus and Mary Greeley. The Greeleys had a total of seven children. However, the two eldest died before Horace was born, thereby leaving him the eldest of four brothers and sisters. Horace began his education at an early age, starting school at age three. At school, he soon established himself as an infantile prodigy. He was an omniverous reader, and completed the Bible at the age of five.

When Horace was nine years old, his father fled to Vermont, in order to save himself from debtors' prison. In Vermont, Zaccheus earned money by sawing wood at fifty cents a day, and after three months was able to send for his family.

Life was pleasant for the Greeley's, even if it wasn't prosperous. Horace usually did not play with his brothers and sisters, but preferred to read Shakespeare and other noteworthy authors.

However, Horace could be sociable if he wanted to be. When he was thirteen years old, a dance was to be given near his school, and great was the speculation whether Horace would dance or not, let alone bring

a partner with him. One can imagine everybody's astonishment when Horace walked into the ballroom with the prettiest girl in the neighborhood on his arm. Furthermore, he opened the ball with her, and thus silenced all remarks that were made about himself.

Horace became apprenticed to a printer when he was fifteen years old. His family moved to Wayne, Pennsylvania, but Horace chose to remain behind. Soon the newspaper on which he was working folded, and he left for Wayne in June, 1830.

But Horace was dissatisfied with farming and he left home again. He went to Erie, Pennsylvania, and worked as an apprentice for the Erie Gazette. But after seven months of work, he felt that he was now qualified to be a journeyman, and he decided to move on to New York. On August 17, 1831, he reached the city, with just ten dollars in his pocket and practically all of the clothing that he owned on his back.

After a few weeks, Horace finally found temporary work, and drifted from job to job until he formed a printing business with a man named Jonas Winchester. Then, on March 22, 1834, the two began to publish the New Yorker, a weekly journal, with Greeley editing it. Although chiefly a literary paper, Greeley also wrote on political facts and other news. Poems and other works sometimes appeared, written by outside contributors.

On July 16, 1836, Horace married Mary Cheney, a school teacher whom he met in New York. The Greeleys had seven children, of which two died at birth, one at six months of age, one at five years, and finally, one at six years of age. The shock of losing so many of her children quite upset Mrs. Greeley. She neglected her husband, and made his domestic life miserable.

(To be concluded next issue)

SOURCE: Seitz, Don. Horace Greeley



## RESEARCH REVEALS REWARDING RESULTS

The alliteration in the usage of words and names, the latter of which Horatio took much delight in using freely, can be pleasing to the eye, gentle to the ear, and is more easily memorized than one which is not.

Although he cannot be credited with the original usage of alliterative names, he may be among the first to assign professionally related names to some of his characters such as: Mr. Pry, a detective in the story, Finding A Fortune. Mr. Plank, a carpenter in the story of The Store Boy. Mr. Brief, an attorney in the stories of Andy Gordon, and Wait & Hope. Mr. Grab, a landlord in the story of Dan, The Detective, and Mr. Forge, a blacksmith in the story of Tom Turner's Legacy.

Without a doubt these job associated names were conjured up to help his boy-readers to remember the characters more easily. Although my research is still incomplete I have yet to find the obvious names such as: Mr. Baker, Mr. Miller and Mr. Shoemaker.

Thanks to my research records I am able to add another interesting excerpt to Jack Bales' article in the November issue of Newsboy on the subject of winter weather which is also in the Alger story of Phil the Fiddler.

In chapter XXV it is revealed how Phil is found in a snow bank on Christmas-eve and would have frozen to death had it not been for Dr. Drayton who was returning home from a house call in his sleigh late at night.

And on my comments in the November issue regarding the ending of an Alger story without the customary "Conclusion" chapter, it was quickly called to my attention of others, but few at this report. Struggling Upward, Tom Thatcher's Fortune, and Tom Temple's Career may be added to the list.

My research on dedication pages is now complete, with the last item coming from

Bob Bennett's newly acquired copy of Seeking His Fortune. There were 41 different dedication pages, ten of which were dedicated to his immediate family or close relatives. The balance presumed to be friends or business acquaintances. Some have already been discovered in the text of the various stories and still others may be discovered later.

My readers should be interested to learn that the A.L. Burt edition pictured on the cover of the November issue of Newsboy is a high quality hard bound edition usually found in green or tan colors, however, they are not all uniform except in size and binding. It has been noted that the inserts have some variety, and it is unlikely that you will find them uniform in every respect. I have noted that some inserts although bound in uniform covers have illuminated chapter heading and some do not have. In all cases the paper is of high quality and generally the complete book will withstand the ravages of time longer and can be handled with the least amount of concern.

More and more I am enjoying the discovery of 19th century words and expressions, and Alger's observations in his day. Often he expresses himself by putting words into the mouths of the characters he creates. For example here is one of his principles: "I've made it a principle to help others to the extent of my ability." (Tom Turner's Legacy, page 203, or in chapter 27)

And here are a couple of 19th century words that I had to look up: "Crone" A withered old woman. (Tom Turner's Legacy, chapter VIII) and "Refectory" A dining room of a hotel, (Tom Temple's Career, chapter XVII) And here is still another: "Whipper-snapper" An expression of reference, usually to our hero, when he dares to put his elders to scorn. (used in several stories).

And "high-strikes" is street-boy slang for hysterics. (Tom Tracy, chapter 5) and Season's Greetings to all! (PF-000)

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STRUGGLING UPWARD

By  
Herb L. Risteen

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- 5 School auxiliary
- 6 "From F--- to Fortune"
- 7 Horatio Alger title: 3 wds.
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- 9 Weather forecast
- 10 Campus cutie
- 17 Compass point
- 18 Ocean: Abbr.
- 19 "--- Newton"
- 20 "Try and --ust"
- 22 "Ralph Raymond's H--r"
- 25 Irregular
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- 27 "Sink or ---"
- 28 "Rufus and ---"
- 29 Coal car
- 31 "---king his Fortune"
- 32 "Out for Busin---"
- 33 Containers: abbr.

Novembers Puzzle  
ALL ABOUT ALGER  
BY HERB L. RISTEEN

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- 5 Chess pieces
- 10 Church law
- 11 "The --- Boy"
- 12 Praying figure
- 13 --- acids
- 14 Sea eagle
- 15 Playing marble
- 16 Color
- 17 December VIP
- 21 "The --- Boy"
- 23 Flourish
- 24 Andrea --- Sarto
- 27 Theater sign
- 29 Conjunction
- 30 Less agreeable
- 33 "Bernard ---'s Adventures"
- 34 Capri et al.
- 35 Error
- 36 Persian allies
- 37 Pintail duck

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In the October issue of "GOOD OLD DAYS" is an article by PF Herb Ristee STRIVE & SUCCEED (Horatio Alger and his times). It is very well done and was enjoyable reading. We recomend it highly to all our members.